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January 27, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the settlement agreement reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department in the antitrust litigation.

Please do not forego the opportunity to settle this case now. The settlement provides benefits for the economy which can be taken advantage of now rather than taking the risk of litigation. The remedies awarded by a Court may not be as advantageous to the public.

Microsoft has agreed to eliminate a number of alleged barriers to competition by adjusting its pricing policies, eliminating restrictions in its distribution contracts with third parties, and allowing competition from non-Microsoft software within Windows systems. These changes will help the computer industry as well as provide greater choice of products for consumers.

Sincerely,

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